

our energy use, while allowing our international competitors to increase their emissions. The administration says, a U.N.-run pie-in-the-sky trading scheme will somehow soften the pain. It sounds like rationing to me.

What about the jobs that will move to more than 130 countries overseas that are not committed to these emission reductions? That will harm our families, it will destroy our economy, and it will still do nothing for the world's environment. It is not global, it is not fair, and it will not work. I encourage a rejection of this treaty.

KYOTO PROTOCOL

(Ms. DANNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my opposition to the Kyoto Protocol. Economists predict that the emissions levels agreed to in the protocol will have a devastating and disproportionate effect on the entire population of the United States. Further, these legally binding reductions are applicable only to developed nations and do not apply to developing nations such as India and China, two of the worst violators when it comes to greenhouse gas emissions.

Before the administration takes any action that might lead to the adoption of the Kyoto Protocol, Members of Congress must be certain that this action does not harm our citizens. We are elected to represent our constituents, and the dictates of the international committees must not be our dictates. As we all know, many nations do not honor the international agreements they sign, but the United States does. If the United States ratifies a treaty, we abide by the provisions of that treaty. That treaty becomes the law of our land. We would encourage the administration not to sign this protocol.

AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE WHOLE TRUTH

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, once again we are told that the White House is co-operating fully with Judge Starr and other investigators assigned by Attorney General Reno to discover the truth about allegations of wrongdoing. Their idea of cooperating fully is somewhat laughable. Consider recent revelations about how the White House is cooperating fully with the independent counsel.

The White House hired private investigator Terry Lenzner to dig up dirt on Federal investigators. The White House has spread false rumors to reporters including a false allegation about the conduct of a Starr investigator during a 1994 trial. The White House has repeatedly leaked information to the

press and then turned around and blamed Starr's office for leaks.

Mr. Speaker, two questions need to be answered. One, what money paid for the private investigators, tax dollars or private funds? And, two, who got the results of the investigation, the dirt?

Mr. Speaker, I do not know what others think, but I am getting tired of falsehoods. Regardless of what the polls say, the American people deserve better, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

MEDICARE EXPANSION

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, this is in the nature of a public service announcement. If you are a woman in this society who gets your health insurance through your husband and who is younger than your husband, you should be listening to what President Clinton is offering to the American people. He says that if you are going to have no health insurance when your husband gets to 65, you can buy into the Medicare program at cost, no additional cost to the program. I sit on the Medicare Commission. This will not destroy Medicare for anybody else because it is a pay-as-you-go plan. But if you see your future as a place where you are not going to have health insurance, you are like hundreds of thousands of people in this society today between the age of 55 and 65 who have been offered a program by the President. The leadership of the House of Representatives refuses to take that up. They do not care about your health insurance. Pick up the phone and give them a call.

EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

(Mr. DELAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, if the President offers you anything, you better turn and run. What is the President afraid of? Why does he keep hiding from the truth? Last year Bill Clinton threatened to veto the historic balanced budget agreement because it contained a provision establishing a tax-free savings account for education. This year he has maintained his steadfast opposition to this common-sense proposal. Why? Because he is afraid of the Nation's powerful teachers unions.

This proposal will help millions of middle-class families save for the education of their children. It will give parents more power to make the right education choices for their kids. Mr. Speaker, the President should stop hiding from the truth and drop his opposition of tax-free education savings accounts. It is a smart way to improve education in America.

GLOBAL WARMING

(Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, the debate we need to have in America is do we have global warming? One study shows since 1900 there is less than a 1 degree change in temperature. Satellite data shows a slight cooling.

Those who are proclaiming we have global warming want us to agree to the Kyoto Treaty that will drastically change our competitiveness and will radically change our economy. Over 130 countries are not part of that agreement. The debate we need to have is do we have global warming. We have not had that important scientific discussion. I asked a climatologist in my district, who is one of the world's most renowned, do we have global warming? He says, there is no evidence of it.

Those who believe in global warming and want us to sign this treaty need to stand up and tell the American people how we have global warming, what the evidence is. Until they provide that evidence, scientific evidence, we need to say no to the U.N. and to Vice President Gore and the Kyoto Treaty.

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

(Mr. RILEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, all crimes, particularly those involving acts of violence, are an assault upon society. But crimes against children, Mr. Speaker, are an attack upon the very soul of our society. Among the worst of these crimes is child pornography. Today Federal law does prohibit individuals from possessing child pornography, but unfortunately the law does not go far enough. In fact, it only prohibits the possession of three or more items that visually depict children in sexually explicit situations.

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Mr. Speaker, that is wrong; and it is time we do something about it.

Last month, the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BACHUS) and I introduced House Resolution 3185, the Abolishing Child Pornography Act. This legislation would close the three or more loopholes by making the possession of all child pornography illegal, whether it is two photographs or 200 photographs.

I urge my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, to bring this important legislation to the floor so that we can finally do what is right for our children.

LOWER TAXES MEANS MORE FREEDOM FOR AMERICANS

(Mr. ROGAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, when Congress cuts taxes, people have more freedom. Freedom to decide how to spend the money they earn as they see fit. Freedom to save and invest for their own home, for a new car or a family vacation. Freedom to prepare for their retirement, and freedom to save for their children's education or to continue their own. Freedom to live the American dream, just as their parents and grandparents dared to dream.

Mr. Speaker, America is still a land of opportunity for millions of people who have the perseverance and discipline to make it so. Over 1 million immigrants come to our shores each year demonstrating that they, too, believe that America is the land of opportunity.

If Congress wants to allow our people to use their talents and hard work to get ahead, it should cut taxes for families. But, if Congress prefers instead to continue imposing ever-greater burdens on our families, the American dream will become just that—a dream.

SALUTE TO FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

(Mr. COLLINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Fort Benning, Georgia, for winning the Army Community of Excellence Chief of Staff Award. This is the sixth consecutive year that Fort Benning has been recognized as the best Army installation in the United States.

The award is indicative of the ability of professionalism of the tens of thousands of soldiers that pass through Fort Benning's gate each year and of the successful partnership that exists among Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia, and Phoenix City, Alabama, communities.

The soldiers and civilians who work under the leadership of General Carl Ernst and his staff continue to reinforce Fort Benning's long-standing commitment to military quality, focusing on the watch words, "First in training, first in readiness, and first in quality of life."

Fort Benning constitutes a cornerstone of our national defense. To all of the personnel at Fort Benning, I offer my sincere thanks and congratulations for a job well done.

TOO EARLY TO ADOPT KYOTO AGREEMENT

(Mr. WHITFIELD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, the Clinton administration is launching a major offensive for the adoption of the protocol negotiated at Kyoto regarding global warming. Vice President GORE has been one of the leading advocates of this and has declared there is no

longer any significant disagreement in the science community that the greenhouse effect is real. In fact, Vice President GORE has said that 98 percent of the science community would concur that a greenhouse emergency has begun.

However, the administration fails to tell the American people that, in 1992, a survey showed that of the two professional groups responsible for climate change in America, that only 17 percent said that warming trends convinced them that an artificial greenhouse was in effect.

Vice President GORE frequently refers to the intergovernmental panel on climate change to buttress his argument that we have global warming. However, he fails to say that in that same report there are hundreds of documents that say that there is no global warming taking effect.

It is too early for us to adopt the Kyoto Agreement.

KEEPING OUR PROMISES: ADHERING TO THE BALANCED BUDGET AGREEMENT

(Mr. MILLER of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, what a difference a year makes. Last year, Congress promised the American taxpayers to limit government spending and balance the Federal budget. This year, Congress is considering breaking that promise.

Today, I am here to announce that I, as a Member of Congress, will not support abandoning the balanced budget agreement for special interest projects. This latest assault on our efforts at fiscal reform is transportation spending. The Senate just finished their version of ISTEA which will break the budget caps for \$18 billion and the House version in its current form exceeds the caps by more than \$22 billion.

To stick to the agreement, this excessive spending will require massive spending cuts. Congress and the American people deserve to know if, when and where these cuts will be made before we are asked to vote for increased transportation spending.

I am here this morning to ask my colleagues to keep their promise we made to the American people last year and adhere to the balanced budget agreement. The future of our children is more important to me than the Federal Government picking up the tab for a "Dan Miller Expressway."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TIAHRT). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on

which the vote is objected to under clause 4 of rule XV.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules and will be followed by two rollcall votes ordered yesterday.

VESSEL HULL DESIGN PROTECTION ACT

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2696) to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide for protection of certain original designs, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2696

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be referred to as the "Vessel Hull Design Protection Act".

SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF CERTAIN ORIGINAL DESIGNS.

Title 17, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new chapter:

"CHAPTER 12—PROTECTION OF ORIGINAL DESIGNS

"Sec.

"1201. Designs protected.

"1202. Designs not subject to protection.

"1203. Revisions, adaptations, and rearrangements.

"1204. Commencement of protection.

"1205. Term of protection.

"1206. Design notice.

"1207. Effect of omission of notice.

"1208. Exclusive rights.

"1209. Infringement.

"1210. Application for registration.

"1211. Benefit of earlier filing date in foreign country.

"1212. Oaths and acknowledgments.

"1213. Examination of application and issue or refusal of registration.

"1214. Certification of registration.

"1215. Publication of announcements and indexes.

"1216. Fees.

"1217. Regulations.

"1218. Copies of records.

"1219. Correction of errors in certificates.

"1220. Ownership and transfer.

"1221. Remedy for infringement.

"1222. Injunctions.

"1223. Recovery for infringement.

"1224. Power of court over registration.

"1225. Liability for action on registration fraudulently obtained.

"1226. Penalty for false marking.

"1227. Penalty for false representation.

"1228. Enforcement by Treasury and Postal Service.

"1229. Relation to design patent law.

"1230. Common law and other rights unaffected.

"1231. Administrator; Office of the Administrator.

"1232. No retroactive effect.

"§ 1201. Designs protected

"(a) DESIGNS PROTECTED.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The designer or other owner of an original design of a useful article which makes the article attractive or distinctive in appearance to the purchasing or using public may secure the protection provided by this chapter upon complying with and subject to this chapter.

"(2) VESSEL HULLS.—The design of a vessel hull, including a plug or mold, is subject to protection under this chapter, notwithstanding section 1202(4).